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Subject: RE: Media Inquiry - Texas Tribune
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Ok, thank you. Carmen

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Sorry for the delay in getting this to you. HQ response went to the reporter this morning.

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Labbe, Ken" <Labbe.Ken@epa.gov>
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Hi Kiah,

Please see our response below, attributable to an EPA spokesman please:

EPA has designated the reduction of accidental releases at industrial and chemical facilities as a National Compliance Initiative, indicating it is a priority for EPA's enforcement program. EPA's publicly available ECHO database does not accurately reflect the status of state violations for the TPC facility. EPA confirmed with TCEQ that they do not have any unaddressed Clean Air Act High Priority Violations involving the TPC facility. EPA is working with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to correct this data issue. For up to date information on state violations, we recommend you directly contact TCEQ.

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